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SUBJ: SALVADORAN VIEW OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE LIMA CONFERENCE WIHETXJOREIGN
MINISTRY SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA AND AMERICAN DESK OFFICER
TRIGUREROS, THE LATTER HAVING SERVED ON THE SALVADORAN DELEGATION.
(WE NOTE TOO IN THE PRESS THAT AMBASSADOR RIVERA
WAS IN TOWN THIS WEEK TO BRIEF PRES MOLINA ON THE
CONFERENCE.) CASTANEDA STATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION

THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD THUS FAR ACCOMPLISHED
LITTLE. TRIGUEROS, HOWEVER, FELT THAT THE MEETING WAS
PRODUCTIVE IN THE SENSE THAT A VARIETY OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS
WERE PUT FORTH AND AS A RESULT* EL SALVADOR WAS NOW BETTER ABLE
TO DEFINE ITS OWN POSITION FOR THE NEXT SERIES OF MEETINGS.
THE GOES CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A JUDICAL OVERHAUL OF
THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT REQUIRED. (IN THIS CONNECTION,
TRIGUEROS NOTED THAT THE PRESENTATION OF THE ARGENTINE
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VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS "COUNTERPRODUCTIVE" DUE BOTH TO ITS FORM AND ITS CONTENT.) HE IMPLIED THAT EL SALVADOR DID BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS OVERSTAFFED, TOO INDEPENDENT OF THE COUNCIL, AND IN NEED OF SKILLED EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS RATHER THAN HIGH RANKING STATESMEN, I.E. GALO PLAZA.

2. ASKED IF THE CENTRAL AMERICANS HAD CONSULTED TO FORM A JOINT POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE, TRIGUEROS SAID THEY HAD NOT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SALVADORAN DELEGATION HAD GOTTEN ALONG QUITE WELL WITH ITS HONDURAN COUNTERPART.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE GOES IS NO GREAT FAN OF THE OAS, IT HAS OFTEN INDICATED THAT THE WEAKNESS IN THE ORGANIZATION LIES MORE IN THE POLITICAL WILL OF ITS MEMBERS RATHER THAN IN ITS STRUCTURE. THUS, IT WOULD PROBABLY PREFER TO TINKER ONLY SLIGHTLY WITH THE EXISTING MACHINERY RATHER THAN ALTER THE BASIC CHARTER.
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